# Exhibit A

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

RICHARD HORTON d/b/a WOODWAY
ON THE GREEN, INC.,

Plaintiff,

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:17-cv-02807
PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY,
STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC,
ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC.,
RISA HAYES VALLEJO and
CHRISTOPHER VAN REES,

Defendants.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

- 1. Index of All Documents Files in the State Court Action
- 2. Docket Sheet in the State Court Action
- 3. Documents filed in the State Court Action
  - a. Plaintiff's Original Petition & Jury Demand Filed: August 29, 2017
  - b. Affidavit of Service of Citation on Defendant Engle Martin & Associates

Served:

September 11, 2017

Filed:

September 15, 2017

c. Affidavit of Service of Citation on Defendant Strata Claims Management, LLC

Served:

September 11, 2017

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d. Affidavit of Service of Citation on Defendant Risa Hayes Vallejo

Served:

September 19, 2017

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September 20, 2017

e. Affidavit of Service of Citation on Defendant Peleus Insurance Company

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f. Affidavit of Service of Citation on Defendant Christopher Van Rees

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g. Defendants' Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition & Jury Demand

Filed: September 29, 2017

4. Defendant Peleus Insurance Company's Certificate of Interested Persons and Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement

# Exhibit A-1

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## Exhibit A-2

#### **Case Information**

DC-17-11083 | RICHARD HORTON vs. PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY, et al

Case Number

Court

Judicial Officer

DC-17-11083

134th District Court

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File Date

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Case Status

08/29/2017

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#### **Party**

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#### **Events and Hearings**

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# Exhibit A-3

## Exhibit A-3-a

**FELICIA PITRE** DISTRICT CLERK

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARD HORTON dba WOODWAY § § ON THE GREEN, INC. § § § DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS V. § PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY, STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC, § ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC., RISA HAYES VALLEJO and § G-134TH IUDICIAL DISTRICT CHRISTOPHER VAN REES

#### PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION & JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff RICHARD HORTON DBA WOODWAY ON THE GREEN, INC. ("Woodway" or "Plaintiff") by and through their attorneys, file this Original Petition & Jury Demand against Defendants PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY ("Peleus" or "Carrier"), STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC ("Strata"), ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC. ("Engle Martin"), RISA HAYES VALLEJO ("Ms. Vallejo"), CHRISTOPHER VAN REES ("Mr. Van Rees") (collectively "Defendants") and would respectfully show the following:

#### Discovery Control Plan

Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under Level 2 of Texas Rule of Civil 1.1 Procedure 190.

#### **Parties**

Plaintiff, Richard Horton dba Woodway on the Green, Inc. is a domestic For-2.1 Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas.

- 2.2 Upon information and belief, Defendant Peleus is a foreign surplus lines insurance company regularly engaged in the business of insurance in Texas, operating for the purpose of accumulating monetary profit. Peleus regularly and systematically issues insurance policies in the State of Texas. They may be served with process by serving certified mail, return receipt requested, to <a href="#">Claims Manager</a>, <a href="#">Peleus Insurance Company</a>, 8720 Stony Point Parkway, Suite 400, Richmond, VA <a href="#">23235</a>.
- 2.3 Upon information and belief, Strata is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas regularly engaged in the business of adjusting insurance claims in Texas through its various Texas offices. Strata regularly and systematically engages in business in Texas, operating for the purpose of accumulating monetary profit and may be served with process through CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3136.
- Upon information and belief, Engle Martin is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia regularly engaged in the business of adjusting insurance claims in Texas through its various Texas offices. Engle Martin regularly and systematically engages in business in Texas, operating for the purpose of accumulating monetary profit and may be served with process through <u>CT</u> <u>Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3136.</u>
- 2.5 Upon information and belief, Risa Hayes Vallejo is a natural person residing and working in the State of Texas. She may be served with process by serving her at, Risa Hayes Vallejo, 200 Rousseau Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165-2740.

2.6 Upon information and belief, Van Rees is a natural person residing and working in the State of Texas. He may be served with process by serving him at, Christopher Van Rees, 4412 Black Otter Trail, Apt. 1153, Dallas, Texas 75287-5106.

#### **Venue & Jurisdiction**

- 3.1 Venue is proper in Dallas County under Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code section 15.002(a)(3) as it is the County where Defendants Strata and Engle Martins principal offices are located. Venue is also proper in Dallas County under Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code section 15.002(a)(1), as a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this claim occurred in Dallas County. In particular, the adjustment of the claim by Defendants Strata and Engle Martin for losses under the policy (including payments to be made to Plaintiff under the policy) were conducted in Dallas County, Texas out of Strata and Engle Martin's Dallas offices. Further, investigation, including communications to and from Defendants and Woodway (including telephone calls, mailings, and other communications to Woodway) and communications between Defendants including the denial of the claim occurred in Dallas County, Texas.
- 3.2 Plaintiff seeks damages within the jurisdictional limits of this Court. Plaintiff trusts the jury to evaluate the evidence, but at this time, Plaintiff seeks monetary relief in an amount over \$1,000,000. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify the amount and type of relief sought in the future.

#### **General Allegations**

- 4.1 On or before March 17, 2016, Peleus sold a commercial property insurance policy bearing Policy No. S3-1457 to Woodway whereby Peleus would provide insurance coverage for the property located at 6201 Woodway Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76133 (the "Property") in exchange for the timely payment of premiums (the "Policy"). The Property consists of several apartment buildings owned by Woodway. The Policy was sold by Peleus to Woodway as the insured under the Policy and provides coverage for damages to the Property caused by wind and hail.
- 4.2 On or about March 17, 2016, Plaintiff's property was substantially damaged by a severe wind and hail storm that north Texas.. As a result, the roofs, HVAC, exteriors, and interiors of the Property were substantially damaged. Immediately upon discovering the damage, Plaintiff filed an insurance claim under the Policy with Peleus for damages to the Property caused by the wind and hail storm. Plaintiff asked that the cost of repairs be covered pursuant to the Policy.
- 4.3 Peleus is the insurer on the Property. In response to the claim, the Carrier assigned adjusters, consultants, and agents to Plaintiff's file that were inadequate and improperly trained. More specifically, Peleus assigned Strata to adjust the claim and Strata assigned Ms. Vallejo as the claims manager. Peleus also assigned Plaintiff's claim to Engle Martin as adjusters who in turn assigned its employee Mr. Van Rees to adjust the damages under the Policy. Peleus with ultimate decision-making authority falsely denied the claim, failed to conform to proper claim

settlement practices in Texas, failed to properly supervise its designated

representatives, and unreasonably denied and delayed full and fair claim payment. Peleus Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees failed to perform 4.4 a thorough investigation of the claim. Mr. Van Rees inspected the property on January 4, 2017 and performed a substandard inspection of the Property. Mr. Van Rees grossly undervalued what damage he did accept. Defendants delayed the claims process and failed to communicate with the insured. Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees performed an inadequate, incomplete and unreasonable investigation of Plaintiff's claim, which is evidenced by their delays, lack of communication, refusal to hire to appropriate consultants, and estimate that fails to account for the necessary repairs for the Property. Peleus relied exclusively on Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees in determining what amounts, if any, to pay on Plaintiff's claim and failed to perform their own adequate investigation. Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees made false representations to Plaintiff's representative including illegitimately representing that the entirety of damages occurred prior to the policy period and improperly ignoring facts confirming and supporting the hail and wind event and in turn extent of damages. On April 6, 2017 Strata and Ms. Vallejo misrepresented the extent of damages confirmed at the property, falsely used excuses such as roof deficiencies and improper installation and made misrepresentations about available weather data including blatant misuse of the predictive modeling supposedly being relied on to deny and delay the claim. Further, on May 9, 2017, Strata and Ms. Vallejo wrongfully claimed the roofs did not need to be replaced and instead blamed the clear damages on installation failures and the age of the roof systems. These are deceptive, unfair, and unreasonable claim actions as Peleus and Strata's underwriting confirms the good and insurable condition of the buildings.

- 2.5 Defendants wrongfully denied Plaintiff's claim for property repairs. Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees chose to ignore obvious damages to the Property. Defendants have chosen to continue to deny timely payment of the damages. As a result, Woodway has not been fully paid under the Policy provided by Peleus since the wind and hail storm. Woodway was forced to hire its own consultant to independently evaluate the damages to the Property because Defendants refused to do so. Plaintiff's own expert has identified substantial damage far beyond what Peleus acknowledged. To this day, Peleus refuses to pay for the necessary repairs to the Property as required under the Policy.
- 4.6 As a result of Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff was required to retain an attorney to prosecute its claim for insurance benefits.
- 4.7 Unfortunately, Defendants have delayed payment for Plaintiff's necessary and covered property repairs under the insurance policy that Peleus wrote. Given the repeated delays of payment, Plaintiff has been subjected to significant economic impact, worry, distress, and continuing economic and physical damage. Because of Defendants' delays, denials, and underpayment, Plaintiff has been unable to make necessary repairs to the Property which has resulted in further damages to the Property, including additional interior and roof damage, among others. In addition,

Plaintiff has suffered financial harm and damage as a result of Defendants' denials and repeated delays. The significant effect of Defendants' wrongful and unjustified delays, however, is still uncompensated.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION---Violations of Texas Insurance Code

- 5.1 Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates each allegation contained in Paragraphs 1-4.7 of this Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 5.2 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees failed to attempt to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of a claim with respect to which liability has become reasonably clear, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.060 (a)(2)(A).
- 5.3 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees failed to adopt and implement reasonable standards for prompt investigation of claims arising under its policies.
- 5.4 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees failed to provide promptly a reasonable explanation, in relation to the facts or applicable law, for the denial of a claim, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.060 (a)(3).
- 5.5 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees refused to pay a claim without conducting a reasonable investigation with respect to the claim, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.060 (a)(7).
- 5.6 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees misrepresented the insurance policy under which it affords Property coverage to Plaintiff, by making an untrue statement of material fact, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section

- 541.061 (1). Peleus, Engle Martin, and Van Rees misrepresented the insurance policy to Plaintiff, by making an untrue statement of material fact, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.061 (1).
- 5.7 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees misrepresented the insurance policy under which it affords Property coverage to Plaintiff, by failing to state a material fact that is necessary to make other statements made not misleading, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.061 (2). Peleus, Strata, and Engle Martin misrepresented the insurance policy to Plaintiff by failing to state a material fact that is necessary to make other statements made not misleading, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.061 (2).
- 5.8 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees misrepresented the insurance policy under which it affords Property coverage to Plaintiff, by making a statement in such manner as to mislead a reasonably prudent person to a false conclusion of material fact, and failing to disclose a matter required by law to be disclosed, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.061 (3) and Texas Insurance Code Section 541.002 (1). Defendants misrepresented the insurance policy to Plaintiff by making a statement in such manner as to mislead a reasonably prudent person to a false conclusion of material fact, and failing to disclose a matter required by law to be disclosed, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.061 (3) and Texas Insurance Code Section 541.002 (1).
- 5.9 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees knowingly committed the foregoing acts, with actual knowledge of the falsity, unfairness, or

deception of the foregoing acts and practices, in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 541.002 (1).

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION---Prompt Payment of Claim

- 6.1 Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates each allegation contained in Paragraphs
  1-5.9 of this Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 6.2 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees failed to acknowledge receipt of the claim in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 542.055 (a)(1).
- 6.3 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees failed to timely commence investigation of the claim or to request from Plaintiff any additional items, statements or forms that Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees reasonably believe to be required from Plaintiffs in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 542.055 (a)(2)-(3).
- Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees failed to notify Plaintiff in writing of the acceptance or rejection of the claim not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> business day after receipt of all items, statements and forms required by Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 542.056(a).
- 6.5 Peleus, Strata, Engle Martin, Ms. Vallejo, and Mr. Van Rees delayed payment of Plaintiff's claim in violation of Texas Insurance Code Section 542.058(a).

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION---Statutory Interest

- 7.1 Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates each allegation contained in Paragraphs1-6.5 of the Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 7.2 Plaintiff makes a claim for penalties of 18% statutory interest on the amount of the claims along with reasonable attorneys' fees for violation of Texas Insurance Code Subchapter B pursuant to Texas Insurance Code Section 542.060.

#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION---Breach of Contract

- 8.1 Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates each allegation contained in Paragraphs1-7.2 of the Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 8.2 Peleus breached its contracts with Plaintiff. As a result of Carrier's breaches, Plaintiff suffered legal damages.

#### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION---Breach of duty of good faith & fair dealing

- 9.1 Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates each allegation contained in Paragraphs 1-8.2 of the Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 9.2 Peleus, as the property coverage insurer, had a duty to deal fairly and in good faith with Plaintiff in the processing of the claim. Peleus breached this duty by refusing to properly investigate and effectively denying insurance benefits. Peleus knew or should have known that there was no reasonable basis for denying or delaying the required benefits. As a result of Carrier's breach of these legal duties, Plaintiff suffered legal damages.

#### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION---Punitive Damages for Bad Faith

10.1 Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates each allegation contained in Paragraphs1-9.2 of this Petition as if fully set for herein.

10.2 Peleus acted fraudulently and with malice (as that term is legally defined) in denying Plaintiff's claim for benefits. Further, Peleus had actual, subjective awareness of the risk involved, but nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety, or welfare of Plaintiff.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION---Violations Of Texas DTPA

- 11.1 Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates each allegation contained in Paragraphs1-10.2 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 11.2 The Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (DTPA) provides additional protections to consumers who are victims of deceptive, improper, or illegal practices. Defendants' violations of the Texas Insurance Code create a cause of action under the DTPA. Defendants' violations of the Texas Insurance Code, as set forth herein, specifically violate the DTPA as well.

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

12.1 Each of the actions described herein were done "knowingly" as that term is used in the Texas Insurance Code and were a producing cause of Plaintiff's damages.

#### RESULTING LEGAL DAMAGES

13.1 Plaintiff is entitled to the actual damages resulting from the Defendants' violations of the law. These damages include the consequential damages to its economic welfare from the wrongful denial and delay of benefits; the mental anguish and physical suffering resulting from this wrongful denial of benefits, and continued impact on Plaintiff; lost credit reputation; and the other actual damages permitted by law. In addition, Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages.

- 13.2 As a result of Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff has sustained damages in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court.
- 13.3 Plaintiff is entitled under law to the recovery of prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate.
- 13.4 Defendants' knowing violations of the Texas Insurance Code and DTPA entitle Plaintiff to the attorneys' fees, treble damages, and other penalties provided by law.
- 13.5 Plaintiff is entitled to statutory interest on the amount of its claim at the rate of 18% per year as damages under the Texas Insurance Code §542.060(a).
- 13.6 Plaintiff is entitled to the recovery of attorneys' fees pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §38.001, the Texas Insurance Code §542.060(a)-(b), the Tex. Bus & Commerce Code §17.50 and Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §37.009.

#### <u>Prayer</u>

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff respectfully requests that Plaintiff has judgment against Defendants for actual damages in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court, pre- and post-judgment interest as allowed by law, costs of suit, and all other relief, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

RAIZNER LANIA, LLP

JEFFREY L/RAIZNER

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#### ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury, a right enshrined in the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Texas and preserved by the sacrifices of many. The necessary jury fee has been paid.

JEFFREY L. RAIZNER

## Exhibit A-3-b

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#### 134th District Court of DALLAS County, Texas

600 COMMERCE STREET, 4TH FLOOR DALLAS TX 75202

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CASE #: DC-17-11083

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Plaintiff

VB

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Defendant

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, TISHA ROWLETT, make statement to the fact; That I am a competent person more than 18 years of age or older and not a party to this action, nor interested in outcome of the suit. That I received the documents stated below on 09/08/17 3:52 pm, instructing for same to be delivered upon Engle Martin & Associates By Delivering To It's Registered Agent, CT Corporation System.

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CITATION; PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION & JURY DEMAND

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DALLAS, Dallas County, TX 75201

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My name is TISHA ROWLETT, my date of birth is SEP 1st, 1975, and my address is Professional Civil Process Dallas, Inc., 2300 Valley View Ln, Ste 612, Irving TX 75062, and U.S.A. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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1999 BRYAN STREET SUITE 900
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# GREETINGS:

expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of the 134th District Court at 600 answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written Commerce Street, Ste. 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

# Said Plaintiff being RICHARD HORTON D/B/A WOODWAY ON THE GREEN INC

Filed in said Court 29th day of August, 2017 against

PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY, STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC, ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC., RISA HAYES VALLEJO AND CHRISTOPHER VAN REES

Suit on CNTR CNSMR COM DEBT etc. as shown on said petition, a copy of which accompanies this For Suit, said suit being numbered DC-17-11083, the nature of which demand is as follows: citation. If this citation is not served, it shall be returned unexecuted.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court at office this 31st day of August, 2017.

WITNESS: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County Texas.

ATTEST: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County, Texas /s/ Gay Lane

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## Exhibit A-3-c

#### 134th District Court of DALLAS County, Texas

600 COMMERCE STREET, 4TH FLOOR DALLAS TX 75202

Dianne Coffey

CASE #: DC-17-11083

RICHARD HORTON DBA WOODWAY ON THE GREEN, INC.

Plaintiff

vs

PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY, STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC, ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC., RISA HAYES VALLEJO AND CHRISTOPHER VAN REES

Defendant

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, TISHA ROWLETT, make statement to the fact;

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DALLAS, Dallas County, TX 75201

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: Monday SEP 11, 2017 3:00 pm

My name is TISHA ROWLETT, my date of birth is SEP 1st, 1975, and my address is Professional Civil Process Dallas, Inc., 2300 Valley View Ln, Ste 612, Irving TX 75062, and U.S.A. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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31st day of August, 2017

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# FORM NO. 353-3 - CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

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STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC
BY SERVING ITS REGISTERED AGENT CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
1999 BRYAN STREET SUITE 900
DALLAS TX 75201-3136

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expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of the 134th District Court at 600 answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written Commerce Street, Ste. 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

# Said Plaintiff being RICHARD HORTON D/B/A WOODWAY ON THE GREEN INC

Filed in said Court 29th day of August, 2017 against

PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY, STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC, ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC., RISA HAYES VALLEJO AND CHRISTOPHER VAN REES

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ATTEST: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County, Texas

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# By: GAY LANE, Deputy

Attorney for Plaintiff
ANDREW P SLANIA
2402 DUNLAVY STREET
HOUSTON TX 77006
713-554-9099

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# 134th District Court of DALLAS County, Texas

600 COMMERCE STREET, 4TH FLOOR DALLAS TX 75202

Dianne Coffey

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Plaintiff

vs

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Defendant

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I, KEVIN A MALONE, make statement to the fact;

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That I delivered to

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: Tuesday SEP 19, 2017 11:09 am

My name is KEVIN A MALONE, my date of birth is OCT 22nd, 1960, and my address is Professional Civil Process Dallas, Inc., 2300 Valley View Ln, Ste 612, Irving TX 75062, and U.S.A. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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# 31st day of August, 2017 FELICIA PITRE

ISSUED THIS

FELICIA PITRE Clerk District Courts, Dallas County, Texas By: GAY LANE, Deputy

Attorney for Plaintiff
ANDREW P SLANIA

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Defendant

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I, ADREA NICOLE PARISI, make statement to the fact; That I am a competent person more than 18 years of age or older and not a party to this action, nor interested in outcome of the suit. That I received the documents stated below on the first time: M instructing for same to be delivered upon Peleus Insurance Company By Delivering To It's Claims Manager, Peleus Insurance Company.

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at this address

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: by certified mail. Return receipt with signature thereon is attached hereto each; a true copy of the documents listed above

and endorsed on such the date of mailing.

Delivered on

: Tuesday September 12, 2017 am

My name is ADREA NICOLE PARISI, my date of birth is June 23rd, 1983, and my address is Professional Civil Process Of Texas, Inc, 103 Vista View Trail, Spicewood TX 78669, and U.S.A. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and

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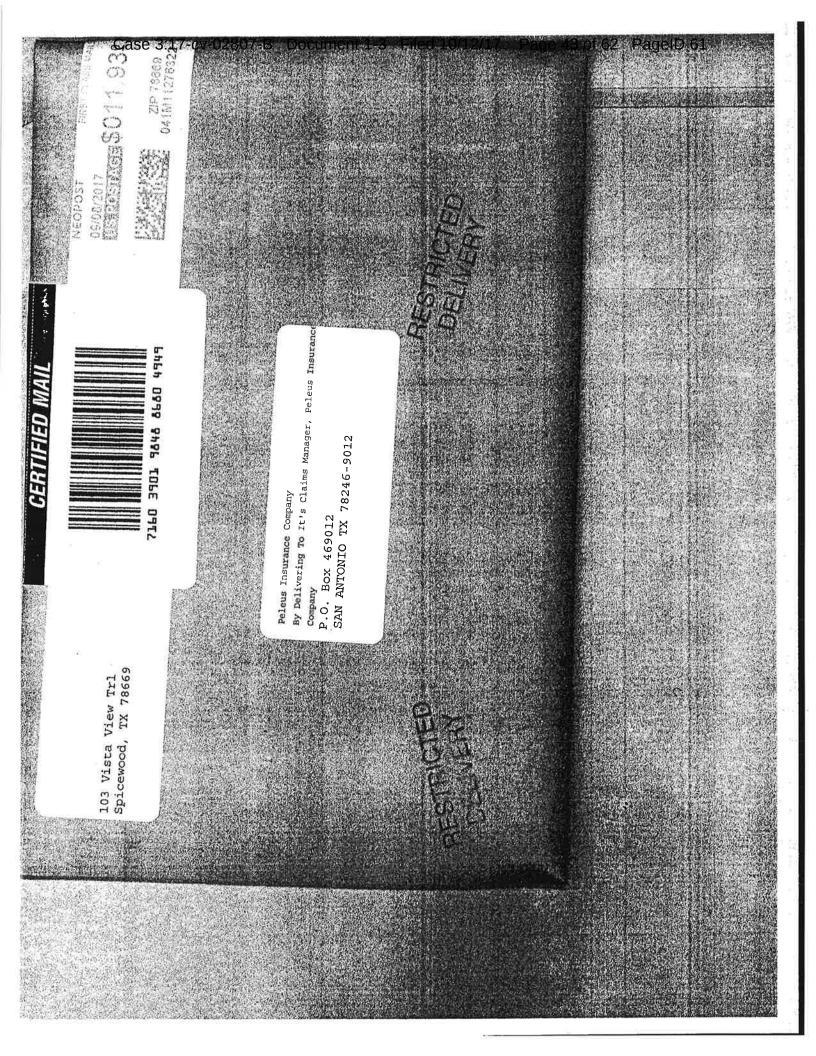
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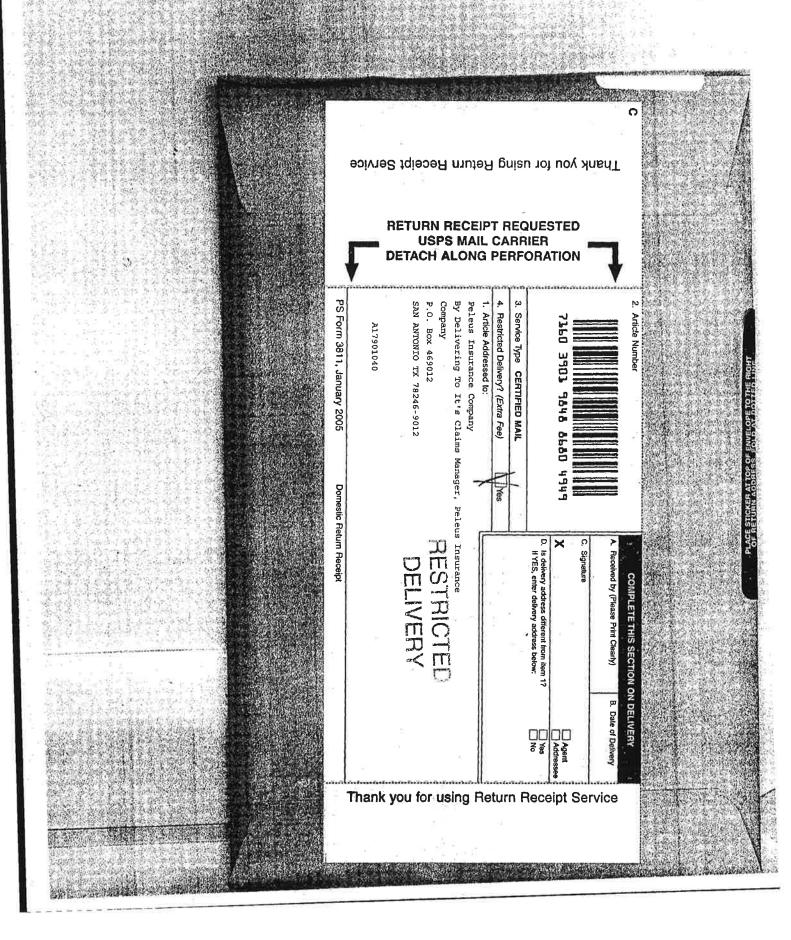
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Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court at office this 31st day of August, 2017.

# PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY, et al By: GAY LANE, Deputy 31st day of August, 2017 RICHARD HORTON Attorney for Plaintiff Dallas County, Texas Clerk District Courts, ANDREW P SLANIA FELICIA PITRE DC-17-11083 ISSUED THIS CITATION ESERVE

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9/25/2017 10:36 AM FELICIA PITRE DISTRICT CLERK

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I, **JEREMY WILSON**, make statement to the fact; That I am a competent person more than 18 years of age or older and not a party to this action, nor interested in outcome of the suit. That I received the documents stated below on 09/18/17 11:08 am, instructing for same to be delivered upon Rees, Van.

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the following : CITATION; PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION & JURY DEMAND

at this address : 4412 Black Otter Trail,

Apt. 1153

DALLAS, Collin County, TX 75287

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above.

Delivered on : Wednesday SEP 20, 2017 6:46 pm

My name is JEREMY WILSON, my date of birth is DEC 12th, 1977, and my address is Professional Civil Process Of Texas, Inc, 103 Vista View Trail, Spicewood TX 78669, and U.S.A. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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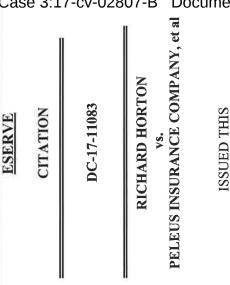
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/s/ Gay Lane

GAY LANE

Deputy



FELICIA PITRE Clerk District Courts, Dallas County, Texas

31st day of August, 2017

By: GAY LANE, Deputy

Attorney for Plaintiff ANDREW P SLANIA 2402 DUNLAVY STREET HOUSTON TX 77006 713-554-9099

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### CAUSE NO. DC-17-11083

RICHARD HORTON d/b/a WOODWAY	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ON THE GREEN, INC.	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
V.	§	
	§	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY,	§	
STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC,	§	
ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC.,	§.	
RISA HAYES VALLEJO and	8	
CHRISTOPHER VAN REES,	8	
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Defendants.	8	134 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# <u>DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION</u> & JURY DEMAND

Defendants Peleus Insurance Company ("Peleus"), Strata Claims Management, LLC ("Strata"), Engle Martin & Associates, Inc. ("Engle Martin"), Risa Hayes Vallejo ("Vallejo"), and Christopher Van Rees ("Van Rees") (collectively, "Defendants") file the following Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition & Jury Demand ("Petition") and state:

## GENERAL DENIAL

1. Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants generally deny each and every allegation contained in Plaintiff's Petition and demand strict proof thereof by a preponderance of the evidence. By this general denial, Defendants further demand that Plaintiff prove every fact in support of its claim(s) for punitive and/or exemplary damages by clear and convincing evidence.

## SPECIAL DENIAL

2. Defendants specifically deny that Plaintiff has satisfied all conditions precedent to the recovery it seeks in this lawsuit. For example, Plaintiff failed to provide Defendants timely written notice of Plaintiff's statutory claims in this matter as expressly required by Section 541.154

of the Texas Insurance Code and Section 17.505 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, thereby precluding Plaintiff from prevailing on any such claims. Plaintiff also failed to properly present its claim for attorneys' fees under Section 38.001 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, thereby precluding Plaintiff's recovery of any such fees in this action. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by its failure to satisfy these (and other) conditions precedent to the recovery it seeks in this action.

3. Discovery in this matter is ongoing and Defendants reserve the right to assert that Plaintiff has failed to meet other conditions precedent required under Texas statute, Texas law, and/or Peleus Insurance Company Master Policy Number 723-1426870415-00 and corresponding Declarations Certificate Number 9735, with effective dates of coverage from October 1, 2015 through October 1, 2016, including all related endorsements, schedules, and declaration certificates (collectively, the "Policy").

# AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 4. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 94, Defendants set forth the following affirmative defenses to the allegations set forth in Plaintiff's Petition:
  - a. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, on the basis that Plaintiff's Petition fails to state a claim against Defendants upon which relief can be granted.
  - b. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the terms, conditions, limitations, exclusions, and deductibles contained in the Policy, including (without limitation) the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in the Policy's Replacement Cost Form and loss payment provision(s).

- c. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the Policy's provision prohibiting legal action against Peleus under the Policy unless Plaintiff has fully complied with all of the terms of the Policy.
- d. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent the physical loss or damage claimed by Plaintiff did not occur during the applicable coverage period (as required by the Policy).
- e. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent the physical loss or damage claimed by Plaintiff was not caused by (or did not result from) a covered cause of loss (as required by the Policy).
- f. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent Plaintiff seeks coverage under the Policy for physical loss or damage to property other than "Covered Property" (as defined in the Policy).
- g. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the Policy's exclusion regarding "cosmetic loss or damage" (as defined in the Policy).
- h. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by Plaintiff's neglect to use all reasonable means to save and preserve the property from further damage at and after the time of loss.
- i. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the Policy's exclusion(s) regarding wear and tear and/or depletion.
- j. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the Policy's exclusion(s) regarding rust, corrosion, decay, deterioration, hidden or latent defect, and/or any quality in the property that causes it to damage or destroy itself.

- k. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the Policy's exclusion(s) regarding faulty, inadequate or defective: design, specifications, workmanship, repair, construction, renovation, remodeling, grading, compaction; materials used in repair, construction, renovation or remodeling; or maintenance.
- I. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent Plaintiff failed to take all reasonable steps to mitigate, minimize, or avoid the damages allegedly sustained and/or to protect the property from further damage. Plaintiff's recovery under the Policy and Texas law, if any, must be offset and reduced accordingly.
- m. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff's alleged damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent acts and/or omissions of Plaintiff.
- n. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff's alleged damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent acts and/or omissions of third parties over whom Defendants have and/or had no control.
- o. A bona fide controversy exists concerning the extent of Plaintiff's entitlement to benefits under the Policy. Peleus and/or its employees, agents, representatives, and adjusters are entitled to value claims differently from Plaintiff without facing extra-contractual liability. Peleus would show that a bona fide controversy exists regarding: (a) the existence and/or scope of any covered loss or damage; (b) whether and to what extent any asserted loss or damage was the result of a covered occurrence or occurrences; (c) the reasonable and necessary measures to repair any covered loss or damage; and (d) the reasonable and necessary measures to repair any covered loss or damage.

- p. Plaintiff's claim(s) for exemplary and/or punitive damages is unconstitutional and violates the due process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article 1, Section 19 of the Texas Constitution for the following reasons: (a) the standards under which such claims are submitted are so vague as to be effectively meaningless and threaten a deprivation of property for the benefit of society without the protection of fundamentally fair procedures; (b) the highly penal nature of exemplary damages threatens the possibility of excessive punishment and almost limitless liability without the benefit of fundamentally fair procedures or any statutory limitations; (c) the introduction of evidence of Defendants' financial worth is so prejudicial as to impose liability and punishment in a manner bearing no relation to the extent of any injury allegedly inflicted or to any benefit from any alleged wrongdoing and, therefore, any verdict would be the result of bias and prejudice in a fundamentally unfair manner.
- q. Plaintiff's claim(s) for exemplary and/or punitive damages constitutes an unconstitutional excessive fine under Article 1, Section 13 of the Texas Constitution because such highly penal sanctions may be imposed for the benefit of society under standards so vague and effectively meaningless as to threaten unlimited punishment bearing no relation to the extent of any injury allegedly inflicted at the unbridled discretion of the jury.
- r. To the extent Plaintiff has asserted claims against Defendants under Texas Insurance Code Chapter 541, those claims are barred by Section 541.153, and this Court should award Defendants court costs and reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees because

any such claims under the Texas Insurance Code are groundless and brought in bad faith or for the purpose of harassment.

5. Defendants further reserve the right to assert additional affirmative defenses as this litigation proceeds.

# RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

6. By appearing and answering herein, Defendants do not waive, and expressly reserve, all rights and defenses that Defendants may have (or that may arise) under the Policy and/or applicable law. Nothing herein shall constitute or be deemed a waiver of, or an estoppel to assert, any of the rights and defenses that Defendants may have (or that may arise) under the Policies and/or applicable law.

## **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants Peleus Insurance Company, Strata Claims Management, LLC, Engle Martin & Associates, Inc., Risa Hayes Vallejo, and Christopher Van Rees pray that upon final judgment: (a) all relief requested by Plaintiff be denied; (b) all costs be taxed against Plaintiff; and (c) for such other and further relief to which Defendants may be justly entitled, whether at law or in equity.

## Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A-4

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

RICHARD HORTON d/b/a WOODWAY
ON THE GREEN, INC.,

Plaintiff,

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:17-cv-02807

PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY,
STRATA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, LLC,
ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, INC.,
RISA HAYES VALLEJO and
CHRISTOPHER VAN REES,

Defendants.

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Defendants.

# DEFENDANT PELEUS INSURANCE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS AND RULE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Local Rule 81.1(a)(4)(D), Local Rule 3.1(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1, Defendant Peleus Insurance Company submits the following Certificate of Interested Persons and Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement.

- 1. As a nongovernmental corporate party, Defendant Peleus Insurance Company states that Peleus Insurance Company is a subsidiary of Argo Group US, Inc. Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. owns 10% or more of the stock of Peleus Insurance Company.
- 2. Defendant Peleus Insurance Company believes the following to be a complete list of all persons, associations of persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, guarantors, insurers, affiliates, parent or subsidiary corporations, or other legal entities which may have a financial interest in the outcome of this litigation:
  - a. Plaintiff: Richard Horton dba Woodway on the Green, Inc.;
  - b. Defendant: Peleus Insurance Company;

- c. Defendant: Strata Claims Management, LLC;
- d. Defendant: Engle Martin & Associates, Inc.;
- e. Defendant: Risa Hayes Vallejo;
- f. Defendant: Christopher Van Rees;
- g. <u>Counsel for Plaintiff</u>: Jeffrey L. Raizner, Andrew P. Slania, Amy Bailey Hargis, RAIZNER SLANIA, LLP, 2401 Dunlavy Street, Houston, Texas 77006; and
- h. <u>Counsel for Defendants</u>: Steven J. Badger, James W. Holbrook, III, William W. Cardwell, IV, Zelle LLP, 901 Main Street, Suite 4000, Dallas, Texas 75202.
- 3. If new parties are added to this lawsuit, or if additional persons or entities that are financially interested in the outcome of this litigation are identified during the pendency of this litigation, Peleus Insurance Company will file an amended certificate

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